

**MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

President J. Finnerty opened the Regular Meeting at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Councilmembers, C. Williams; F. O'Boyle; D. Casole; K. Davis and W. Jabara. Mayor F. Courtright, and Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan were also present.

Solicitor J. Fareri arrived at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

President J. Finnerty stated that the purpose for the Borough Council meeting a half hour earlier this evening was to interview the candidates who submitted letters of interest to fill the vacancy on Borough Council. President J. Finnerty also explained that Borough Council will vote to fill that vacancy during the meeting later this evening as well as choosing a new Vice President of Borough Council.

Mount Pocono Borough Council interviewed the following individuals that submitted letters of interest:

- Mr. Michael Oser resides at 39 Fairview Avenue, stated that he has been a resident for over thirty (30) years and has attended most all Borough Council meetings over the past several years. He has represented the Borough as a member of the Pocono Area Recreation Commission (PARC) and feels that he is very knowledgeable on all of the current agenda items and what is going on in the Borough.
- Mr. Ron Terbovich resides at 45 Holly Forest Drive, stated that he has lived in the Borough for thirty-three (33) years and he worked at Roadway until he retired. He stated that he has four (4) houses/ duplexes in the Borough and he considers himself a people person and attends Borough Council meetings from time to time.
- Mr. Keith Transue resides at 39 Knox Street, states that he is a lifelong resident of Monroe County, he is heavily involved in community service. He is a paramedic and served on the Coolbaugh Township Ambulance Squad. He went back to school for Act 120 training in 2005 and he became a police officer in Bushkill Township in Northampton County. Two (2) years ago he retired from the EMS and went to work fulltime as School Resource Officer, his current job allows him to work 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and he would be available to attend the Council meetings.
- Mr. John Scalamandre resides 663 Belmont Avenue stated that he has served on Borough Council for many many years and has given many years to Borough Council; serving on the Planning Commission for a number of those years.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

President J. Finnerty stated that we met at 6:30 P.M. and conducted interviews for the candidates for the Borough Council Vacancy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember F. O'Boyle moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of April 13, 2015. Councilmember K. Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT

President J. Finnerty presented Mr. Oscar Lollis with a plaque commending him for twelve (12) years of service as a member of Mount Pocono Planning Commission and as a member of the Regional Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Nominations for Council Vice President

Councilmember F. O'Boyle moved to appoint Councilmember William Jabara as Vice President of Borough Council.

Councilmember D. Casole moved to appoint Councilmember Karl Davis as Vice President of Borough Council.

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On the motion to appoint Councilmember W. Jabara as Vice President, the motion went to a roll call vote: with Councilmember F. O'Boyle and Councilmember W. Jabara voting "Yes". Councilmembers K. Davis; D. Casole; and, C. Williams voted "No".

On the motion to appoint Councilmember Karl Davis as Vice President, the motion went to a roll call vote: with Councilmembers D. Casole; C. Williams; and, K. Davis voting "Yes" and voting "No" were Councilmember F. O'Boyle and W. Jabara.

President J. Finnerty stated Karl Davis is the new Vice President of Borough Council.

MAYOR

Mayor F. Courtright congratulated Karl Davis as the new Vice President. He noted that spring has kicked in and that the Farmer's Market will begin this Saturday, May 9th and will be here every Saturday until fall. He also noted that beginning June 3rd the farmer will be here Wednesdays and Saturdays. Mayor F. Courtright stated that this Saturday, May 9th is the Post Office "Stamp Out Hunger" and anybody who would like to donate can goods can put their bag by their mail box and the postal carrier will pick it up. He also noted that May 9th is a leaf pick-up and added that May 29th, 30th and 31st is the Borough wide free yard sale. He further noted that on Monday, May 25th the VFW will be holding their Memorial Day Service in front of the Borough building at 10:00 A.M.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following cash report was given as follows:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 227,418.19
PENN SECURITY GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	20,692.71
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT	48,627.33
BANNER BEAUTIFICATION ACCOUNT	2,032.89
STATE LIQUID FUELS	57,110.66
PARK & RECREATION FUND	11,004.90
PLANNING COMMISSION REIMB. FUND	51,925.54
ROAD FUND – GENERAL FUND	96,932.17
STORMWATER FUND	131,689.43
GENERAL FUND RESERVE PLGIT ACCOUNT	41,548.82
SANITATION FUND	13,160.28
ROUTE 940 CORRIDOR FUND	53,675.00
FIVE POINT INTERSECTION FUND	<u>443,849.90</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 1,199,667.82**

Councilmember K. Davis moved to pay and approve the bills as outlined in the Treasurer's Report dated Monday, May 4, 2015, as presented. Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

ACE Hardware	(shop/ building supplies)	\$ 27.12
Alarm Installers Corp	(batteries & lo temp alarm installed)	262.00
Blue Cross of NEPA	(health insurance)	6,511.15
Blue Ridge Cable	(phones/ internet)	366.57
Boston Mutual	(life/ disability insurance)	234.15
Cyphers Truck Parts	(mirror for F-350)	49.84
Dept. of Labor & Industry	(elevator inspections)	36.00
First National Bank	(maint. Supplies, floral, flags)	855.54

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G & K Services	(uniforms/ rugs)	\$ 277.30
H. Clark Connor	(PC Solicitor)	495.00
Hunter Peterbilt	(repairs to 2012 Pete)	1,003.85
EM Kutz	(plow hitch)	1,975.00
Lowe's	(door knobs, dead bolts maint.)	300.91
Medico Industries	(cutting edges)	1,435.50
Mountain Landscaping	(2015 contract – payment #1)	3,325.00
Mountain Services	(inspection 2012 Pete)	859.31
Murray's Towing	(tow 2012 Pete)	525.00
NAPA Auto Sales	(vehicle parts)	72.18
Panko Reporting	(conditional use hearing)	470.90
Payrolls Unlimited	(April payroll)	77.00
PA American Water	(bldgs. & fire hydrants)	782.12
PA Paper & Supply	(toilet paper, towels, garbage bags)	118.75
PPL	(electric)	854.52
PSAB	(Borough Management Caucus)	25.00
Pocono Mtn. Reg. Police	(mortgage)	2,811.27
Pocono Mtn. Reg. Police	(mortgage modification fees)	790.28
Pocono Mtn. Reg. Police	(monthly payment)	57,216.72
Pocono Mtn. Public Library	(2015 RE taxes rec'd April – 1 mil)	12,190.67
Pocono Mtn. Vol. Fire Co.	(2015 RE taxes rec'd April – 1 mil)	12,191.41
Pocono Mtn. Reg. EMS	(2015 RE taxes rec'd April ½ mil)	6,095.60
Pocono Mtn. Public Library	(Delinquent taxes Jan, Feb, March 2015)	993.69
Pocono Mtn. Vol. fire Co.	(Delinquent taxes Jan, Feb, March 2015)	993.69
Pocono Mtn. Reg. EMS	(Delinquent taxes Jan, Feb, March 2015)	496.85
<i>Pocono Record</i>	(advertising)	31.60
Postage Pros Plus	(ink cartridge postage meter)	108.62
Steele's Hardware	(gloves)	26.95
Stratix Systems	(service contract)	547.00
Sunoco (COSTARS)	(gas/ diesel)	747.20
TMF Corporation	(300 recycling buckets & lids)	5,910.00
Tulpehocken Spring Water	(water for coolers)	25.00
United Concordia	(dental insurance)	312.10
US Bank	(copier lease)	317.06
Verizon	(phone)	85.98
Verizon Wireless	(phones)	111.57
Wal-Mart	(building supplies)	<u>64.36</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 123,007.33**

BILLS ALREADY PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 04/1515)	\$ 5,908.17
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 04/22/15)	4,515.42
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 04/29/15)	<u>4,477.85</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 14,901.44**

BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE STATE LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNT:

Cargill	(de-icing salt)	\$ 3,101.98
PPL	(traffic signals/street lights – 2 mos.)	<u>241.98</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 3,343.96**

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Flagger Seminar

Councilmember W. Jabara requested that the Borough sign up five (5) individuals to attend the June 1, 2015, Flagger Seminar to be held at the Pocono Township Volunteer Fire Company building.

Borough Secretary L. Noonan requested permission to attend to two (2) webinars; one on June 10th, Channeling the Municipal Voice; and, the other on May 13th, 20 Things Your Township Can Do Today to Save Money Tomorrow.

Councilmember W. Jabara moved to allow the Borough Secretary/ Treasurer to attend those seminars. Councilmember C. Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Beauty Street Auto Sales Conditional Use

Solicitor J. Fareri stated that the Beauty Street Auto Sales Conditional Use decision has already been approved is ready for signatures.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2015 Road Rehabilitation Advertisement

Councilmember D. Casole moved to advertise the “in place paving on various roads in the Borough of Mount Pocono bids” for the year 2015. Councilmember C. Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Appointment

Councilmember D. Casole moved to appoint Mr. Michael Oser to fill the vacancy created with the passing of Roy Gross. Councilmember C. Williams seconded. Motion went to a roll call vote: Vice President K. Davis, “No”; Councilmember W. Jabara, “No”; Councilmember F. O’Boyle, “No”; President J. Finnerty, “No”; Councilmember C. Williams, “Yes”; and Councilmember D. Casole, “Yes”. Motion defeated.

Councilmember F. O’Boyle moved to appoint Mr. John Scalamandre to fill the vacancy on Borough Council. Vice President K. Davis seconded. Motion went to a roll call vote: Vice President K. Davis, “Yes”; Councilmember W. Jabara, “Yes”; President J. Finnerty, “Yes”; Councilmember F. O’Boyle, “Yes”; Councilmember D. Casole, “No” and Councilmember C. Williams, “No”. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Monroe County Board of Assessment Appeals

It was noted by Solicitor J. Fareri that the Borough’s appeal would before the Monroe County Board of Assessment on June 3, 2015, at 10:30 A.M. This is for the purpose to have the property that the Borough purchased off Knob Road removed from the tax base. He stated that if he needs anybody to attend with him he will advise the Borough Secretary/ Treasurer.

Tornado Awareness & Leveraging Tool for Conducting Damage Assessment Courses

Councilmember C. Williams requested to attend the seminars.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Planning

Vice President K. Davis stated that he attended the last meeting where the Planning Commission discussed the Air Quality Control Ordinance and also Vacation Rental Ordinance.

Stormwater

Councilmember W. Jabara stated that he is still trying to get a meeting together with the Borough Engineer to review stormwater issues and he hopes that this will happen within the next week or so.

Utilities

Councilmember F. O'Boyle discussed the available EDUs and current reservations for the available EDUs.

Water

Councilmember D. Casole stated that the fire hydrant on SR 611 near Burke's has been installed however it is not in service yet. She noted that PAWC plans on flushing hydrants the month of May and they will be using an auto caller to contact residents that would be affected a day or two in advance.

Streets

Councilmember W. Jabara stated that the paving bids are being advertised. There was discussion regarding the street sweeping.

Sanitation

Mayor F. Courtright stated that new recycling containers have been delivered and are available for pick-up in the Borough offices.

Buildings

Vice President K. Davis stated that he asked a masonry company to give a quote to smooth out some of the cracks on the ramp as a temporary fix and we are waiting to receive that quote.

Budget

Report will be forth coming to the members on the committee.

Recreation

Vice President K. Davis stated that he did not make last month's meeting.

Personnel

Mayor F. Courtright stated that Borough employee, Ernest Rath, left the Borough's employment mid-March after receiving applications and conducting interviews the Personnel Committee is recommending to hire Kevin Seese from Long Pond at \$16.00 per hour.

Councilmember F. O'Boyle moved to hire Kevin Seese at rate of \$16.00 per hour provided a background check is completed and that it comes back clear. Councilmember C. Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Councilmember C. Williams discussed the clean-up that happened on April 22nd, noting that ninety-three (93) bags were collected. She also noted that there is still a lot of garbage out along the streets and requested that a meeting be held to try to get volunteers to go out and pick-up garbage.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding garbage and litter within the Borough.

Regional Police

Mayor F. Courtright noted that Councilmember C. Williams will be taking a tour of the headquarters tomorrow and that the next meeting is May 12th. He noted that they are looking at property in Long Pond to possibly purchase and have a shooting range that all their officers can be qualified at. This will be a savings to them as it costs a great deal of money to go to shooting ranges. He also discussed a 2014 yearly report that Cedar Crest College prepared and noted that he has it available should anybody wish to have a copy.

Regional EMS

Mayor F. Courtright noted that the new subscriptions have been mailed out.

COG

Councilmember W. Jabara noted that the meeting was here last month and that there will be no meeting held during the month of May.

Open Space

Councilmember D. Casole stated that there is nothing new to report and she requested that the Open Space Committee be combined with Recreation.

President J. Finnerty agreed to combine them together.

Five Points Intersection

Councilmember W. Jabara stated that he requested our municipal representative for a copy of the rehab plan of SR 611.

LSA Grants Update

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan noted that the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) plans to meet on May 13th and hopefully will be awarding the LSA Grants at that time. Should they not be able to come to an agreement and award at that time we will not know anything until mid-July, as that is the next time the CFA will be meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Alice Makla, 138 Knob Road, it should be noted that Borough resident, Mike Oser stood up on behalf of Alice Makla who had to leave earlier this evening,. He discussed the overgrown brush that needs to be taken care of for a proper view of the Knob and also that the Knob needs cleaning up of litter.

There being no further business or any further public participation coming before the Board, Vice President K. Davis moved to adjourn. Councilmember J. Scalamandre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary